Diocese.

Menders Indicate Scheme May Not Be "in the Interest of the Public."

Although the aBltimore capitalists ho propose merging the street and nterurban electric railways centerin Washington, have not yet consulted the Public Utilities Commission, it was understood at the Dis-trict Building today that the commission would look with disfavor up-

members of the commission stated today that they had heard runors of the proposed merger for sevweeks, but the proposition had not been called to their official at-tention. They indicated that they had heard enough to convince them that the "combination is not in the inter-ert of the public at "his time" and that the application when made would be "considered strictly on its

The commission is now engaged in the Commission in now engaged in the Contemplated merger, and it was stated definitely toffay that "nothing will be allowed to interfere with the completion of these valuations."

The Public Utilities Commission members intimated today that they saw in this rew proposal another move to hinder the valuation work and "to accomplish through Baltimore capitalists what the advocates of the Taghington Utilities Corporation could not do several years ago."

Hamilton Not Consulted. Although the Capital Traction Company is known to be included in the Baltimore capitalists' plans. President George E. Hamilton said today he had not been consulted with regard to the proposed merger. In Wash-ington financial circles it was said today the Capital Traction Company would not consider entering into the proposed deal in any way unless cer-tain valuations which financiers place on the holdings of another public service corporation are materially re-duced.

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"The Capital Traction Company was never approached on the subject of the merger, so far as I am advised," said President Hamilton. "I had not heard that any such movement was afoot until I read the article in The Times yesterday afternoon. Of course the president of the president of the president of the present plan."

At the District building it was said the Baltimore capitalists would have to show the Public Utilities Commission that the proposed merger would be of material benefit to the public "to even interest the commission." If the capitalists cannot show in the first instance that the public would get beeter service or other benefits from the merger, the commission will reject it on that basis at the outset, according to well informed persons at the District building.

Against Fairchild Bill.

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The opposition of the commission to the Fairchild bill providing for the consolidation I the Washington Railway and Electric Company and the Potomac Electric Power Company is an indication of its probable attitude towards the proposed merger of the railways.

The merger which is being sought by the Fidelity Trust Company, of caltimore, would embrace a consolidation of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, the Potomac Electric Power Company, the Capital Truction Company, the Washington and Old Dominion Railway, the Washington and Tenleytown, the Washington and Rockville, and other subsidiaries of the Washington Railway and Electric Company.

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Engineer Commissioner Kutz, in appearing before the House District Committee at the hearing on the Fairchild bill last week, earnestly opposed the consolidation of the Washington Railway and Electric Company and the Potomac Electric Power Company as inimical to the putlic interest.

In any event, he urged that the proposed legislation be postponed until the valuations are completed and the new rates established.

Must Have Board's Sanction. Public utilities are prohibited by the public utilities law from reorganization, consolidation or acquisition of property for such purposes without the consent of the commission. Paragraph 76 of the law provides that "no public utility shall issue any stocks, certificates of stock, bonds, or other evidences of indebtedness secured on its property in the District of Columbia for the purpose of any reorganization or consolidation in excess of the total amount of the stocks, certificates of stock, bonds or other evidences of indebtedness then outstanding against the public utility so reorganizing or consolidating, and no such public utility shall purchase the property of any other public utility for the purpose of effecting a consolidation until the commission shall have determined and set forth in writing that said consolidation will be in the public interest, nor until the commission shall have approved in writing the terms upon which the consolidation shall be made." tion, consolidation or acquisition of

Brandeis' Nomination May Be Again Delayed

Consideration by the Senate Judiciary Committee of the report of the aub-committee on the nomination of Louis Brandels fr Supreme Court justice may be further delayed by the prolonged absence of Senator John K. Shields, of

absence of Senator John K. Shields, of Tennessee, on account of the death of his brother Joseph S Shields, in New York last night.

The deceased was the youngest brother of the Tennessee Senator and was a New York business man. He leaves a widow and daughter, the latter, Miss Josephine Shields, being formally presented to Washington society last winter, when Miss Jeanette Covan, daughter of Mrs. Shields, made her debut. The body will poss through Washington tonight at 9 o'clock for Knoxville, Tenn. Senator Shields was with his brother when he died.

Rains, Clouds, Chills,

Rain this afternoon, Rain this afternoon, with partly cloudy and cooler weather tonight, is the forecast of the Weather Burcau today. The storm, bringing Washington real April showers today, formed overnight in Virginia, and is centered today over Richmond. It is gradually moving off to the northeast, and the rain is expected to cease by tonight. Tomorrow will be partly cloudy, with a continuation of the cool weather, but no rain is expected.

Terminal Threatened.

Fifty soldiers of the Fourteenth Infantry today were ordered to proceed from Fort Liscom to Anchorage. Alaska, to guard the Government railway termi-nal during the strike there.

UTILITIES BOARD Von Igel's Papers Show EPISCOPAL BODIES IN Mallace, R. A. Estop, J. B. Redd. SAID TO DISAPPROVE German-Jap Plot Here ELECT OFFICERS Travel Lectures To Be

LINE MERGER Agents of Both Governments Aimed to Involve U. S. and Japan in War-Germany Also Said to Have Helped Along Mexican Trouble.

> NEW YORK, April 25.—With the papers relating both to the Japanese announcement from Washington yesterday that Attorney General Gregory had advised the State Departing the German ambassador, besides Captain von Papen, Capt. Karl Boy-Ed. ment not to surrender the papers and other German diplomatic officials ment not to surrender the papers and letters seized when Wolf von Igel was arrested in the former offices of Capt. Franz von Papon, 60 Vall street, it became known that the seized docu-ments furnished the Government authorities with the details of a German plot to stir up trouble between the United States and Japan. The docu-ments are said also to have furnished

ments are said also to have furnished certain evidence corroborating the reports that Germany was involved in the various Mexican troubles.

Among other things the documents contain reports, written in Japanese, from three Japanese agents in the pay of the German government at Tokio. These reports each several thousand words in length, cover the activities of German agents and Japanese agents working for Germany during the greater part of 1915. They set forth in great detail the work that is being done toward instilling hatred of America in the minds of the Japanese people, and of efforts being made to influence Japanese officials and to induce them to involve their country in difficulties with the United States.

Stirring Anti-Japanese Feeling.

tain von Papen, Capt, Karl Bov-kid, and other German diplomatic officials in this country.

Many of the documents, particularly those dealing with the Japanese and Mexican end of the German plots, are in code, but have been decoded by Government officials with the sid of a German diplomatic code book belonging to Ambassador von Hernstoff, which was found among the papers.

The presence of Von Remstorff's code book among the incriminating papers and the intimation by Government officials in Washington that the ambassador's name is mentioned frequently in many of the papers, was declared by officials vesterday to bear out the earlier assertions that Count von Bernstorff is deeply implicated in the various plots. Several of the documents relating to Gorman activities in Mexico and Japan are said to have passed directly between Count von Bernstorff, Cautain von Papen, and German agents here and in Japan.

Show Money Paid.

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Others of the documents are declared to concern the activities of German agents in the United States, their work among the Japanese in this country, particularly in California, and attempts to stir up anti-Japanese feeling throughout the United States, various letters and reports dealing with the Mexican situation are also among the documents, and these are said to show that behind much of the trouble in the southern republic was German gold, dispensed by Franz von kintelen and other German secret service agents. Some of the letters and movement besides Von Rintelen.

It also developed yesterday that the Von Igel papers contain references to and evidence of money payments in which Von Rintelen was concerned. Whether these payments were made to Von Rintelen or by Von Rintelen of the bomb plot situation leaked out yesterday after the Federal grand jury had resumed the investigation of the cases of Representative Frank Buchaman of Illinois. Von Rintelen, and others connected with the alleged attempts of the Labor National Peace Council to foment strikes in munitions plants and on steamship plers through-trouble in the southern republic was also said to furnish additional evidence against others of the peace council movement besides Von Rintelen. It also developed yesterday that the

(Continued from First Page.) latest War Department reports

showed today. Since receipts of the messages, however, Pershing probably has received additional supplies, it was said officially, teday.

The department was advised the Seventeenth Infantry, minus the Second battalion, crossed the border at Columbus yesterday.

The houses of General Pershing's advanced column are so fagged that officials doubt of they can successfully continue the Ville pursuit.

"I think it would be foolish to start after him unless we were sure they could sustain a quick movement," said a high army officer today.

Obregon Seen As Big Man of Mexico

order Meeting With General Scott Thought to Indicate War Minister's Importance.

EL PASO. April 25 .- The border meet-War Minister Obregon is believed today Carranza's ablest military leader as the Department of Justice today.

in the meantime 15,000 United States soldiers under General Pershing will hold the line from Namiquipa to Colum-

soldiers under General Pershing will hold the line from Namiquipa to Columbus. N. M.

They will be heavily entrenched at Colonia. Dublan and Namiquipa, not because there are 25,000 Carranza soldiers in Chihuahua state, but as a precautionary safety measure.

While the conference between Obregon and Scott was annocued for Ell Paso or Juarez, it is rumored that the meeting may be held at Eagle Pass. Juarez has never been friendly to Obregon. As travel over Mexican railroads is very uncertain, the war nemister is not expected to reach the border before next week.

It is believed here that Obregon will come as virtual dictator of Mexico, with military power to enforce any agreement he makes with Scott regarding the vithdrawal or future conduct of the expedition in Mexico.

Keep Her Locks Dark

Mexicans To Be Kept From Blocking Supplies

SAN ANTONIO, April 25 .- Firm

General Funston was said to have dispatched messages to General Pershing ordering him to "meet the situation." The expeditionary forces have suffered severely as a result of Carranza commanders having seized railroad consignments, General Funston

The supply situation with said.

The supply situation of saids and folks are again using it to keep their hair a good, even color, which is quite sensible, as we are living in an age when a youthful appearance is of the greatest advantage.

Nowadays, though, we don't have the troublesome task of gathering the sage and the mussy mixing at home. All drug stores seil the ready-to-use methods.

said.

The supply situation will be thoroughly discussed in the conference between Chief of Staff Scott and General Obregon in their meeting at the border, it was expected today. Scott will not leave for the border until the latter part of the week when it is expected Obregon will arrive at the international line.

Headquarters did not know where the conference will be held, but Juarez was deemed a likely meeting place.

Mexican Is Wounded in Attack on Supply Train

GENERAL PERSHING'S HEAD-UARTER'S, NEAR NAMIQUIFA, April 25 (via wireless to Cotumous, N. M.).— Reports from the advanced American base, near Asn Antonio, Mex., received

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here today, told of the destruction near Chihuahua of one aeropiane, slightly in-juring Aviator Willis, and of an Easter attack upon a supply train in which a Mexican was wounded. The Mexican was treated at the American camp, but weuld give no information regarding the attacking party.

the attacking party.

Sporadic sniping continues to be reported along the communication lieng south of Namiquipa. The small ban is scattered when fired on by the motor truck guards. So far the expeditionary forces have escaped any injury from the snipers and the supplies have not been damaged.

sblo Lopez, who is one of Villa's chief coloneis is reported a Carranza prisoner One unconfirmed rumer stated Lopez died of his wounds.

A sample of the rumors constantly reaching headquarters was brought by a notor train which reported hadting at the Boca Grandes camp for a considerable time when it heard that several thousand Carranza soldiers with twenty-six field guns were moving rapidly from the west toward the American or mnumication lines.

This motor train made the 240 miles from Columbus to Namiquipa in three days, a new record.

Churchmen Rally To Support Diaz

Reports of Gatherings by Religious Eelement Reach Department

of Justice.

to indicate practical acceptance of Felix Diaz, according to reports at the chief factor in Mexico. The conference church element, opposed to Carranza, is not axpected to open in less than a has welcomed the Dias supporters who church element, opposed to Carranza, are lurking in the Mexican hills across from Texas, it was said.

Renewed efforts to prevent violations of neutrality in this country are being made by the Department of Justice. Diaz' secretary in New York, Pedro Vilar, is being watched closely, it was admitted.

Keep Her Locks Dark, Glossy, Beautiful.

The old-time mixture of Sage Tea and measures were ordered today to pre- Sulphur for darkening gray, streaked vent Carranzistas in northern Mex- and faded hair is grandmother's recipe,

age when a youthful appearance is of the greatest advantage.

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The unnual Easter Menday elections or officers and vestrymen in the perish-sof the Eriscopal Diocese of Wash-ngton were held last night and re-sulted as follows:

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St. James' Church—Wardens. J. H. McIntos', Dr. William A. Jack; vostrymen. A. J. Pranglev. C. V. Linnell, H. P. Fairbanks, C. H. Miller, Henry L. Bryan, H. L. Hamilton, T. C. Washington and Dr. T. J. Woodman; treasuror. Henry L. Bryan: registrar, Dr. Woodman; delegate to diocesan convention. Henry L. Bryan.

Church of the Ascension—Vestrymen. Dr. W. C. Rives, Dr. D. Percy H'ckling, C. C. Calhoun, P. R. Kaylor, H. E. Bealle, Rice Hooe, E. B. Meetze and J. R. Wayrich; delegate to diocesan convention, Dr. Rives; alternate, Dr. Hickling, Officers of the past year were re-elected.

St. John's, Norwood parish—Vestry—

St. John's, Norwood parish—Vestry-men, Dr. John L. Lewis, F. C. Wallace, George R. Anderson, H. W. Offutt, H. Jatane Lewis, Oscar Norman, Enoch Johnson, William D. Price; I registrar, Henry Latane Lewis; treasurer, George H. Evans; senior warden, W. T. Price, delegate to convention, F. C. Wallace; alternate, H. W. Offutt. Church of the Incarnation—Senior

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warden, E. M. Dickinson; junior
warden, J. E. Mayfield: registrar, A.
G. Nichols; treasurer, J. E. Mayfield.
delegate to convention, J. E. Mayfield.
alternate, E. M. Dickinson; vestrymen,
Dr. W. F. Dales, J. E. Mayfield. E. M.
Dickinson, Faber Stevenson, A. G.
Nichols, T. A. Bright, Dr. L. Is.
Swormstedt, Dr. S. E. Watkins.

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Grace Church, Georgetown parish—
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warden, Fulton Lewis: treasurer, C.
C. Hall; secretary, Fulton Lewis.
Vestrymen, Samuel Turner, George
Rackey, William McShea, Fabian
Huntington Benjamin Goodrick, C. C.
Hall, Frank Jones.

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St Stephen's—Senior Warden, J. P. Williams; Junior warden, E. F. Riggs; registrar, W. R. Chapell: treasurer, J. C. Williams; delegates, Judge G. M. Husted and G. A. Lewis: alternates, Commodore G M Feters and William H. Saunders; vestrymen, G. H. Feters, G. M. Husted. William H. Saunders, G. A. Lewis G. B. Silden, W. H. Cole, W. R. Chapell, and F. E. Kramer. Christ Church, Georgetown parish-Vestrymen, William A. Gordon, H. Owen Thompson, William D. Orne, J. H. Gordon, Downs L. Wilson, N. W.

Dorsey, S. K. Radford, George A. King; wardens, S. W. Duvall and J. B. Jordan; treasurer, H. Owen Thomp-Christ Church, East Washington-Ves-trymen, James Berry, Charles Haydn, William Heineline, N. Thornton Hybson, John I ane Johns, John Petar; resigtrar, Lewis B. Taylor; treasurer, John B. Schroeder; delegates, James Berry and John Lane Johns.

John Lane Johns.

Trinity Church, Third and C streets northwest—Senior warden, Dr. George N. Acker; junior warden, W. R. Bedell, vestrymen, D. G. Wyche, W. L. Newhall, S. H. Sarmer, George McPherson, E. Donaldson, I. N. Davidson; registrar, S. H. Sarmer; treasurer, W. L. Newhall; delegates, Dr. Acker, Dr. Charles M. Hammett, Oscar F. Comstock.

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Grace Church, Ninth and D streets southwest—Senfor warden, Charles Bild; junfor warden and treasurer. William Leishear; secretary. J. G. Stevenson; vestrymen, Harry Schee, H. R. Thomas, Alexander Cole. C. H. Appick, E. Hart, J. B. Hughes, Charles Price, Lewis Price, Brittan Abendschine; organist, Mary Abendschine; choirmaster, C. H. Appick.

Church of the Advent—Vestrymen, Dr.

Church of the Advent-Vestrymen, Dr. A. B. Cchey, William Berry, Charles L. Henry, William D. Hellen, Dr. R. M. Geddings, J. K. Munree, Corbin Birch; registrar. Benjamin F. Taylor.

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The other lectures will be May 19, "Yeilowstone National Park," and Juns 12. "The Pacific Northwest," by William Bruce Leffingwell, and May 28, "The Grand Canyon of the Colorado, by Dr. C. D. Williamson, both of these speakers being special lecturers of the Bureau of Commercial Economics.

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